# Current Financial Initiatives & Issues

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# FEDERAL FINANCIAL POLICY-SETTING ORGANIZATIONS

#### The Central Agencies

Department of the Treasury General Accounting Office Office of Management and Budget

#### **Standard-Setting Organizations**

Financial Accounting Standards Advisory Board Cost Accounting Standards Board Financial Accounting Standards Board Standard General Ledger Board

#### Other Federal Financial Management Organizations

Joint Financial Management Improvement Program
Chief Financial Officers Council
General Services Administration
Congressional Budget Office

# PRESIDENT'S MANAGEMENT AGENDA (PMA)

- Initiated in August 2001
- Provides a strategy for improving the management and performance of the Federal Government
- Establishes 5 government-wide initiatives to improve Federal management and deliver results that matter to the American people



- Strategic Management of Human Capital
- 2. Expanded Electronic Government
- 3. Competitive Sourcing
- 4. Improved Financial Performance
- 5. Budget and Performance Integration

## PRESIDENT'S MANAGEMENT AGENDA

Agencies are being rated quarterly by OMB on each of these initiatives using a "Traffic Light" scoring of Red, Yellow, or Green.



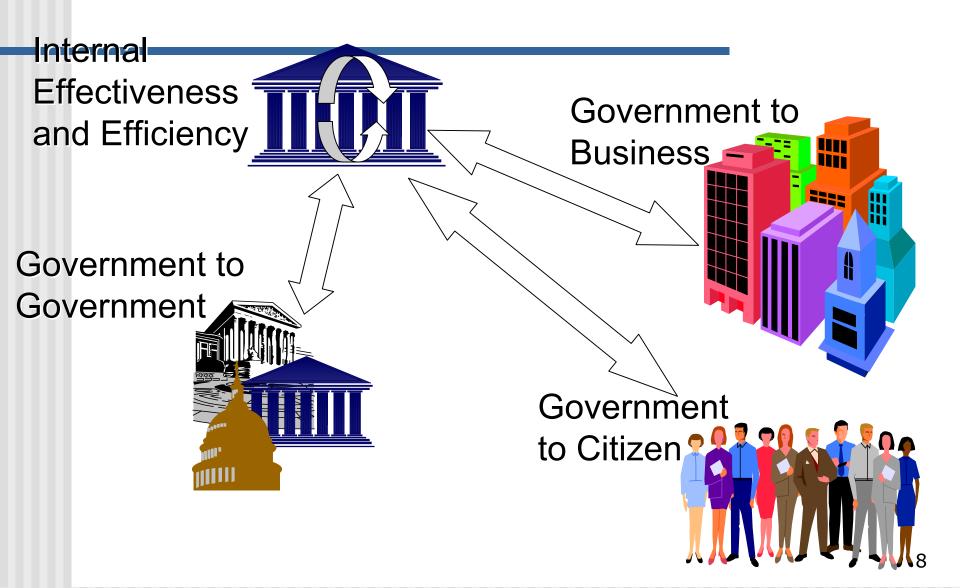
### PMA - HUMAN CAPITAL

- 34% of Feds eligible to retire by 2005
- Federal workforce smallest since '50
- Automation has created a top-heavyorganization
  - The Human Capital initiative will reform Federal HR practices and de-layer and flatten the organization



- Create access portals (eg, FirstGov)
- Reduce business reporting burden
- Share info between Feds, State & Local governments
- Automate internal processes

# E-Government Services Landscape



# **Cross-Agency E-Government Initiatives**

Government to Citizen	4.7	Government to Business	Managing Partner
	Managing Partner	Federal Asset Sales	GSA
1. USA Service	GSA	2. Online Rulemaking	DOT
2. EZ Tax Filing	Treasury	Management	
3. Online Access for Loans	DoEd	3. Simplified and Unified	Treasury
4. Recreation One Stop	DOI	Tax and Wage Reporting	
<ol><li>Eligibility Assistance</li></ol>	Labor	Consolidated Health	HHS
Online		Informatics	
		5. Business Compliance 1 Stop	SBA
		6. Int'l Trade Process Streamlining	DOC
Cross- cutting eAuthentication	GSA	Enterprise Architecture	OMB
Government to Governme	ent Managing	Internal Effectiveness & Efficie	ency Managing Partner
1. e-Vital	Partner SSA	1. e-Training	OPM
2. e-Grants	HHS	2. Recruitment One Stop	OPM
3. Disaster Assistance	FEMA	3. Enterprise HR Integration	OPM
and Crisis Response		e-Travel	GSA
4. Geospatial Information	DOI	eClearance	OPM
One Stop		ePayroll	OPM
5. Wireless Networks	DOJ	4. Integrated Acquisition	GSA
		5. e-Records Management	NARA

# PMA – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

"It takes the Federal government 5 months to close our books... this is not the stuff of excellence."

- ~ Paul O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury
- Accelerated Financial Statements
- Interim (Quarterly) Statements
- Reduce erroneous payments
- Integrate financial and performance management systems

## PMA - FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

To receive a green light:

- System must meet Federal financial management system requirements and accounting and transaction standards;
- Accurate and timely financial information;
- Integrated financial and performance management systems supporting day-to-day operations; and
- An unqualified and timely audit opinion on the annual financial statements with <u>NO</u> major control weaknesses reported

## PMA - FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Where is DOE? – OMB Briefing 6/19/02

- Presented Plans of Actions and Milestones for the 13 material weaknesses and 4 reportable conditions for the FY 2001 statements
- Independent assessment of Phoenix
- Financial and performance management systems integration – pending cost accounting capability:
  - FY 2003 assign cost to 10% of measures
  - FY 2004 assign cost to 25% of measures

# PMA - FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE Financial Statements:

- First interim statements submitted early (5/24/02 vs. 5/31/02)
- Working with IG and KPMG to meet the new schedule
  - FY 2002 2/1/03
  - FY 2004 11/15/04

- PMA FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FY 2002 Financial Statements - Concerns
- Last Year's Reportable Conditions
  - Performance Reporting
  - Unclassified information systems security
  - Financial management at WAPA
  - Environmental liabilities for active facilities

# PMA – BUDGET & PERFORMANCE INTEGRATION

- Performance baselines to be included in the FY 2003 budget
- Agencies to bear the cost of pensions and healthcare (currently funded by OPM)
- Funding will be shifted to performing programs

# PMA - COMPETITIVE SOURCING

- Process: Put Federal jobs out to bid; government submits its own proposal
- 850K of the 2.6M Federal positions are not inherently governmental
- Each agency to study 15% by 2003
- Goal: Increased efficiency

# PMA - COMPETITIVE SOURCING DOE Financial Services Study

- Six Functions Payables, Receivables, Travel, Timekeeping, Systems Support, General Accounting/Financial Reporting
- 24 Month Timeline
- 150 Federal FTEs and 57 Support Contractor FTEs at 28 Locations
- Largest concentrations of positions are at HQ, AL, and OR

#### Roles and Responsibilities -- Key People

#### FINANCIAL SERVICES FUNCTIONAL AREA STUDY TEAM LEAD

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# PMA - COMPETITIVE SOURCING DOE Financial Services Study

- Senior management participation
- Monthly calls with CFOs at 28 affected sites
- Quarterly televideo with affected employees
- Communications with union bargaining units
- Early, constant HR Office involvement

# The Federal Financial Management Systems Environment

# Federal Financial Management Systems: What is Needed?

- Produce accurate, timely, complete, reliable, and consistent information
- Provide adequate agency management reporting
- Support for governmentwide and agency policy decisions
- Support preparation and execution of agency budgets
- Facilitate financial statement preparation
- Provide information to central agencies
- Provide audit trail

# Financial Systems Snapshot in FY 2001

- 24 CFO Agencies
- 728 Financial Systems
- 1,057 Applications
- \$2.5 Billion Annual Expenditure
- 35% are COTS (incl. customized COTS)
- 1,057 Operating System Applications
  - 56% of the system applications will reach their end-life in the next 5 years
- Half of those plan on, or in the process of, upgrading applications



# Intragovernmental Eliminations Study

# Intragovernmental Transactions Elimination Study: Findings

- Poor data quality
- Reconciliation not feasible agencies cannot identify true business partner
- Lack of standards for data structure, business rules, and consistent recording
- Need to apply technology to address resource and financial system limitations
- Opinion on US financial statements adversely impacted

#### Recommendations

- 1. Develop identification codes at business level
  - essential to enable reconciliation of exceptions
  - codes in report not detailed enough
- 2. Revise US SGL, including self-balancing Inter Governmental accounts
  - promotes completeness as well as improved consistency and accuracy
- 3. Issue RFI for web-based G2G portal
  - portal provides control mechanism
  - improves completeness of data and efficiency of process
- 4. Determine standard data structure for G2G
  - structure in report only relevant to reconciliation activity

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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- DOE to assess the nature and amount of erroneous payments and take corrective action if needed
  - A review of FY 2001 payments at selected sites to determine a baseline
  - A review of FY 2002 payment activity based on quarterly reports by all payment offices

## DELINQUENT INTERAGENCY/DOD DEBT

- Initial meeting held with DFAS on 5/21/02
- DOE provided a listing of all Defense related receivables in excess of 180 days delinquent
- Listing showed outstanding receivables in the amount of \$21 million (excluding credits)

## DELINQUENT INTERAGENCY/DOD DEBT

- Outstanding items to be resolved in two phases:
  - High dollar amounts under agreements with funding that has not expired
  - Remaining items
- DFAS will require resubmission of an invoice package or complete agreement package in order to resolve most outstanding debts

## DELINQUENT INTERAGENCY/DOD DEBT

- DFAS distributed delinquent debt listing to its 5 central offices for action.
- DOE provided DFAS with a revised delinquent debt listing on June 12<sup>th</sup> and on June 18<sup>th</sup> DFAS provided a response with the status for each debt or items needed to be resolved.
- DOE segregating the DFAS response/request for information by Operations Office for distribution
- Ops Offices preparing reimbursable documentation in anticipation of DFAS's requirements.

# FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AUDIT COMMITTEE

- A Government-wide Committee is being established and each agency is expected to establish its own committee
- DOE is one of the pilot agencies
- OMB has asked agencies to develop plans to establish a financial management/audit committee.